

# EVERCREECH PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of meeting 04 02 25

**Present: Lesley Parham (Chair), Derek Sharp, Rob Reed, Roy Williams, Gail Wakeford, Murray Stewart, Christian Sellar, Bethan Stanley 7.09**  
**2 members of the public.**  
**Lynn Crisp – Clerk**

- i) **Public Open Session** Action  
**No members of the public wanted speak.**
- ii) **Somerset Councillor Report**  
**Cllr Reed**
1. Budget: The Government has agreed to a 7.5% increase in council tax. It was agreed because Somerset have had 6 years of council tax not being raised appropriately. Sales of assets are being looked at.
  2. Local Council Networks and their effectiveness are being scrutinized.
- Meeting open time**  
7.00 pm
- 001 **To receive apologies for absence and to approve the reasons given** (LGA 1972 s85(1))  
None received
- 002 **Declarations of interests.** Council members declare any interests, including any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Parish Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any prior requests from members for Dispensations that accord with Localism Act 2011 s33 (b-e). (NB this does not preclude any later declarations)  
GW agenda item: 2025/006/067 TCA  
RR agenda item: 2025/0138/TCA
- 003 **To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting** (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41(1))  
Meeting 14 01 24  
Proposed: RW  
Seconded: DS  
Agreed  
Chair signed as a true record.
- 004 **Actions List**  
The clerk updated the list.
- 005 **Finance**
- a. To APPROVE the Payment Schedule for February 2025.  
Resolution:  
Proposed: GW  
Seconded: LP
  - b. To REPORT income received in January 2025.

FINANCE SHEET FOR FEB 25 MEETING - REPORT TO 31 DEC 24			
<b>INCOME (DECEMBER REPORT)</b>			
<b>RECEIVED</b>			
INTEREST		£	401.22
CEMETERY	VARIOUS	£	234.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME FOR REPORT</b>			<b>£ 234.00</b>

- c. To REPORT payments made via Direct Debit/BACS in January 2024.

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<b>BACS PAYMENTS (FEB MEETING APPROVAL)</b>		
STAFF	SALARY & EXPENSES - MTH 11	£ 1,352.83
1 EVERCREECH VILLAGE HALL	INV 18516	£ 20.00
2 THREE COUNTIES LANDSCAPING	INV 7131 MG & CEM MAINTENANCE	£ 516.00
3 IDVERDE	PLAY INSPECTION	£ 40.16
<b>TOTAL BACS PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL</b>		<b>£ 1,928.99</b>
<b>DIRECT DEBITS (DECEMBER) REPORT</b>		
Direct Debit (GOCARDLESS)	STORAGE	£ 82.33
Direct Debit (BT GROUP PLC)	INTERNET	£ 37.98
Direct Debit (VEOLIA ES UK LTD)	WASTE SERVICES	£ 62.28
Direct Debit (GOCARDLESS)	PAYROLL	£ 50.16
Direct Debit (UTB)	CHARGES	£ 6.00
Direct Debit (BIFFA)	WASTE SERVICES	£ 370.50
Direct Debit (LLOYDS)	CHARGES, MS	£ 85.99
<b>TOTAL DD PAYMENTS FOR REPORT</b>		<b>£ 695.24</b>
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>£ 2,624.23</b>

d. Nominate 2 Cllrs to authorise BACS payments:  
GW LP

e. Finance Update

i. Donation request from Old Stores Studios for the Beltane feast/Jack in the Green event.  
£300.00 requested.

Resolution:

Proposed: PS

Seconded: MS

Agreed

## Planning

**Application Number:** 2025/0066/FUL

**Proposal:** Proposed change of use of workshop, office, toilet and upper storage area (B1) to ancillary residential use.

**Location:** Millbrook House Redlands Farm Lane To Prestleigh Road  
Evercreech Shepton Mallet Somerset

**Applicant:** Mr Samuel Solomon

**Application Type:** Full Application

Overdevelopment. Inadequate information supplied.

Proposed refuse:

GW

RW

7 agreed

1 abstained.

**Application Number:** 2025/0067/TCA

**Proposal:** T1 - Eucalyptus Fell.

**Location:** Sandy Acre Bruton Road Evercreech Shepton Mallet Somerset

**Applicant:** Mr Brine

**Application Type:** Works/Felling Trees in a CA

GW left the meeting 7.10

GW returned to the meeting 7.11

Refer to the Tree Preservation Officer

**Application Number:** 2025/0138/TCA

**Proposal:** T1 - Sweet Chestnut: reduce height and spread by approx 3m with

006

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pruning cuts not exceeding 100mm.

T2 - Beech: reduce height and spread by approx 4m with pruning cuts not exceeding 100mm apart from one cut which will remove the competing sub stem, which will be approx 250mm

**Location:** Laurel Cottage Oxford Street Evercreech Shepton Mallet Somerset

**Applicant:** Mr Catley

**Application Type:** Works/Felling Trees in a CA

RR left the meeting 7.11

RR returned to the meeting 7.13

Refer to Tree Preservation Officer

## **Bath and West licence**

No objections.

007

### **Cemetery**

a. Update

Proposal to enter closed session

LP: Proposal move to item 010 j

Seconded: GW

Agreed

b. Approve any memorial requests

None received.

008

Park Inspection Reports

Queens Road Playing Fields

Skate Park

Noted

009

Village maintenance feedback:

- a. Street Lighting – Maesdown Road – The Clerk reported that the matter has been sent to Highways again.
- b. Drains – response from Somerset Council re the gully emptying schedule – They have confirmed they will source the schedule and forward it to The Clerk.
- c. Hedge opposite Pecking Mill Inn – Concerns have been raised regarding the hedge obscuring the view from the A371. Cllrs felt that it could be that the second hedge would be kept, and the original hedge removed. To monitor the situation, Cllrs asked for this matter to be kept on the agendas going forward.
- d. Stoney Stratton surface water issues. Report sent to Somerset Cllr Rob Reed and copied to Parish Cllrs. Response: Parish Cllr reported that it is straw blocking the drain. Point 2 the ducts in the wall have not been cleared. In one section, The Old Dairy has not unblocked their areas. Cllrs felt that maintenance was not being carried out by house/landowners. Somerset Cllrs have been asked to deal with the report. Tinings land drains look as though they have been cleared.
- e. Painting of the inside of the bus shelter on Prestleigh Road - Funds have not been raised for the paint.

010 a

Bus representative

Bus signs in the square have been repainted.

Plans in the pipeline for bus services, dependent on Somerset Council funding.

Discussions took place.

010 b

Village Hall

Emergency Plan

Cllrs felt that their Emergency Plan is sufficient and asked The Clerk to update it. They suggested that the Village Hall could apply for funding for anything further they feel is required.

The Clerk will advise the Village Hall.

**Clerk**

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Community Larder – There is a person is responsible for this.

Generator/solar panels working together is being looked at.

New secretary appointed.

Cllrs asked GW to remain on the committee as the Parish Council representative.

010 c Police report

Not received prior to the meeting.

010 d Consider reducing the number of bins on Parish Council land

This will be decided later. When the Parish Online map of assets is complete, GW and LP will walk the village and bring a proposal to the next full meeting.

010 e 40 MPH speed limit from Pecking Mill Corner to Wyke junction update

Highways confirm they are hoping this will take place during this financial year.

010 f Victoria Square parking restrictions update

Line painting has taken place.

Some residents have commented it looks smart.

It would seem the line painting has taken place prior to consultation.

010 g Annual Parish Meeting date between 1st March and 1st June, date to be agreed

14<sup>th</sup> May large hall

or

21<sup>st</sup> May large hall

010 h Annual Council meeting 06 05 25 prior to monthly meeting

010 i Tozers solicitors bill from 2023.

Proposal: To settle the outstanding bill £319.20

Proposed: LP

Seconded RW

Agreed

010 j Proposal to enter closed session – staffing and cemetery

LP

GW

Entered Closed session: 7.57

**Cemetery:**

**Staffing:**

The Clerk left the meeting at 8.10

The Clerk returned to the meeting at 8.17

Meeting returned at 8.17

011 To note

Change of Local Council Network meeting date.

012 Agenda items for next meeting

Bus stop funding

BS apologies

Hedge opposite Pecking Mill Inn

Painting of the inside of the bus shelter on Prestleigh Road

013 Date & time of next meeting, 04 03 25, Evercreech Village Hall, 7.00 pm (subject to change)

014 Close of meeting

Name: Lynn Crisp

Time: 8.20